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In re: R. Williams
Serial No.: 09/698,870
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For: *USE OF POLYMORPHISM OF THE SEROTONIN TRANSPORTER GENE PROMOTER AS A PREDICTOR OF DISEASE RISK*

Group Art Unit: July 26, 2002
Examiner: J. Souaya

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Amendment and Response

This is in response to the Official Action of July 26, 2002.

Please enter the following amended claims:

1 (amended). A method of screening human subjects for increased risk of disease in response to stimulus that induces a physiological stress response in said subject, said method comprising:

determining the presence of at least one serotonin transporter gene promoter long allele in a human subject;

the presence of at least one long allele serotonin transporter gene promoter genotype indicating that said human subject is at increased risk of disease in response to stress.

6 (amended). A method of screening human subjects for increased risk of infectious disease, said method comprising:

determining the presence of at least one serotonin transporter gene promoter long allele in a human subject;

the presence of at least one long allele serotonin transporter gene promoter genotype indicating that said human subject is at increased risk of infectious disease.